

focusing on the needs of children and Seniors. His annual holiday events, food drives and Senior and Youth Days united the entire city and increased the sense of community.

After serving on the City's Council, he was appointed Confidential Aide to the Mayor. This new role has enabled Mr. Coursey to bring his considerable leadership skills and knowledge of the residents' needs to the entire City. As a life-long Atlantic City resident, Ernest D. Coursey has demonstrated his commitment to public service and to the citizens of his hometown. His receipt of the Charles D. Hayes Award is not only a fitting recognition of his many accomplishments, but is also an appropriate tribute to the legacy of Charles Hayes. It is my privilege to acknowledge Mr. Coursey today.●

TRIBUTE TO LEAMON HOOD

● Mr. TORRICELLI. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to Leamon Hood, who will soon receive the Nelson "Jack" Hood Award for his commitment to the labor community, and his political and social activism.

Leamon was born in 1937 in Jackson Georgia, a small town outside of Atlanta. The fifth of seven children to former sharecroppers, Leamon lived there for the first 15 years of his life, before moving to Atlanta after the death of his mother. In his senior year in high school, Leamon dropped out to join the United States Navy, where he subsequently earned his G.E.D. and was trained as a Certified Air Mechanic.

It was after he left the Navy in 1960 that Mr. Hood first experienced the string of job discrimination, when racist hiring practices prevented him from getting employment as a civilian aircraft mechanic. As a result, Leamon went to work as a janitor in a paint manufacturing company. However, he again was confronted with discrimination when in 1962 he was fired from his job as a janitor after refusing to join the Teamsters Union, which at the time contractually restricted blacks to jobs in the service department. Ultimately, Leamon became a school custodian in Atlanta and helped organize the Classified School employees into AFSCME. Yet even though he helped to organize his peers into AFSCME, Leamon himself refused to join again as a result of the persistent segregation and discrimination he found in the union.

That finally changed in 1964, when the new President of AFSCME, Jerry Wurf, removed all official racial barriers of segregation and discrimination. Leamon joined the union, and became one of its most active members, at one point even seeking to become President of his local. Though he lost that bid, Leamon remained active and in 1967 he became one of the charter members in the Union's Staff Intern Program, which trained members to organize.

Since 1970 Leamon has served as an organizer throughout the country, in-

cluding stints as an Area Director in Michigan, Tennessee, Florida, Georgia, and several other states. In 1999 he was appointed a Regional Director responsible for Delaware, Pennsylvania, and New Jersey, where he currently serves.

It is my firm belief that Leamon will continue this fine tradition of service in the years to come, and will remain a tireless advocate on behalf of those in the labor community. I congratulate him on receiving the Nelson "Jack" Hood Award, and consider it a privilege to honor him today on the Senate floor.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Evans, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the presiding officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 11:04 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 706. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain properties in the vicinity of the Elephant Butte Reservoir and the Caballo Reservoir, New Mexico.

H.R. 1712. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to make adjustments to the boundary of the National Park of American Samoa to include certain portions of the islands of Ofu and Olosega within the park, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2509. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to produce currency, postage stamps, and other security documents at the request of foreign governments on a reimbursable basis.

H.R. 2804. An act to designate the United States courthouse located at 95 Seventh Street in San Francisco, California, as the "James R. Browning United States Courthouse."

H.R. 3928. An act to assist in the preservation of archaeological, paleontological, zoological, geological, and botanical artifacts through construction of a new facility for the University of Utah Museum of Natural History, Salt Lake City, Utah.

H.R. 3985. An act to amend the Act entitled "An Act to authorize the leasing of restricted Indian lands for public, religious, educational, recreational, residential, business, and other purposes requiring the grant of long-term leases," approved August 9, 1955, to provide for binding arbitration clauses in leases and contracts related to reservation lands of the Gila River Indian Community.

H.R. 3986. An act to extend the period of availability of unemployment assistance

under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act in the case of victims of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bill, without amendment:

S. 2019. An act to extend the authority of the Export-Import Bank until April 30, 2002.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 706. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain properties in the vicinity of the Elephant Butte Reservoir and the Caballo Reservoir, New Mexico; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 1712. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to make minor adjustments to the boundary of the National park of American Samoa to include certain portions of the islands of Ofu and Olosega within the park, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 2509. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to produce currency, postage stamps, and other security documents at the request of foreign governments on a reimbursable basis; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

H.R. 3928. An act to assist in the preservation of archaeological, paleontological, zoological, geological, and botanical artifacts through construction of a new facility for the University of Utah Museum of Natural History, Salt Lake city, Utah; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

H.R. 2804. An act to designate the United States courthouse located at 95 Seventh Street in San Francisco, California, as the "James R. Browning United States Courthouse."

ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, March 20, 2002, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bill:

S. 2019. An act to extend the authority of the Export-Import Bank until April 30, 2002.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, which were referred as indicated:

EC-5829. A communication from the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Veterans' Affairs, transmitting jointly, pursuant to law, the Report on Health Care Resources Sharing for Fiscal Year 2001; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-5830. A communication from the Acting Associate Deputy Administrator for Management and Administration, Small Business Administration, transmitting, pursuant to